

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(currently amended)** A spring member ~~(70)~~ for disc-brake calipers, suitable for being mounted in a disc-brake caliper ~~(4)~~, the caliper ~~(4)~~ being suitable for being arranged, in a fitted configuration, astride a brake disc rotatable about an axis defining an axial direction ~~(X)~~, said caliper ~~(4)~~ comprising a space ~~(32)~~ for housing at least one pad ~~(16)~~ which extends predominantly in a tangential direction ~~(Y)~~ parallel to a braking band of the brake disc and perpendicular to the axial direction ~~(X)~~, the spring member ~~(70)~~ being interposed between a lateral edge ~~(64)~~ of a pad ~~(16)~~ and reaction surfaces ~~(42)~~ of the caliper ~~(4)~~ so as to act resiliently on the pad ~~(16)~~, the spring member ~~(70)~~ comprising a 'U'-shaped portion ~~(80)~~ suitable for forming a connection with a protuberance ~~(48)~~ of the reaction surfaces ~~(42)~~ which projects in the tangential direction ~~(Y)~~ into the housing space ~~(32)~~, a first resilient portion ~~(96)~~ which extends substantially in a radial direction ~~(Z)~~ perpendicular to the axial and tangential directions ~~(X, Y)~~, is suitable for acting on the pad ~~(16)~~ in a tangential direction ~~(Y)~~, and is operatively connected to the 'U'-shaped portion ~~(80)~~, and a second resilient portion ~~(100)~~ which extends substantially in the tangential direction ~~(Y)~~, is operatively connected to the first resilient portion ~~(96)~~, and is suitable for acting on the pad ~~(16)~~ in a radial direction ~~(Z)~~, wherein the first resilient portion ~~(96)~~ is inclined in a manner such that a first connection end ~~(97)~~ of the first resilient portion ~~(96)~~, connected to the 'U'-shaped portion ~~(80)~~, is in contact with the reaction shoulders ~~(44)~~ and a second connection end ~~(98)~~, connected to the second resilient portion ~~(100)~~, is arranged, in the tangential direction ~~(Y)~~, further towards the interior of the housing space ~~(32)~~ than the first connection end ~~(97)~~, the first and second resilient portions ~~(96, 100)~~ being a single body projecting from the first connection end ~~(97)~~ of the first resilient portion ~~(96)~~ so that, when the spring member ~~(70)~~ and the respective pad ~~(16)~~ are in a fitted configuration in the housing space ~~(32)~~ of the caliper, the pad ~~(16)~~ is acted on resiliently by the spring member ~~(70)~~ both in a radial direction ~~(Z)~~ and in a tangential direction ~~(Y)~~, whether or not a braking force is being applied.

2. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 1 in which the first resilient portion ~~(96)~~ is substantially straight.

3. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ in which the spring member ~~(70)~~ comprises two limbs ~~(76)~~ and a connecting arm ~~(78)~~ between the limbs so that, when the spring member ~~(70)~~ is in a fitted configuration on the caliper ~~(4)~~, each limb ~~(76)~~ can act resiliently on a respective pad ~~(16)~~, the pads being arranged opposite one another in the axial direction ~~(X)~~.

4. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the spring member ~~(70)~~ can be mounted astride the brake disc on reaction surfaces ~~(42)~~ of the caliper ~~(4)~~ and can cooperate resiliently with lateral edges ~~(64)~~ of a pair of pads ~~(16)~~ arranged on opposite sides of the brake disc.

5. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the 'U'-shaped portion ~~(80)~~ has a substantially trapezoidal shape and can form a snap-coupling with the protuberance ~~(48)~~ of the reaction surfaces ~~(42)~~.

6. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 3 ~~any one of Claims 3 to 5~~ in which each limb ~~(76)~~ comprises, in the region of a portion attached to the connecting arm ~~(78)~~, a notch ~~(88)~~ which can separate the connecting arm ~~(78)~~ from the first section ~~(82)~~ of the 'U'-shaped portion ~~(80)~~ so as to permit resilient relative bending between the connecting arm ~~(78)~~ and the first section ~~(82)~~ of each limb ~~(76)~~.

7. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 3 ~~any one of Claims 3 to 6~~ in which the connecting arm ~~(78)~~ comprises two fingers ~~(92)~~ disposed at axially opposite ends and suitable for being inserted in corresponding recesses ~~(52)~~ of the caliper so as to permit the location and/or clamping of the spring member ~~(70)~~ in the axial direction ~~(X)~~.

8. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 3 ~~any one of Claims 3 to 7~~ in which the connecting arm ~~(78)~~ comprises a thrust portion ~~(90)~~ which can come into abutment with a surface of the respective arch ~~(40)~~ which faces towards the seat ~~(28)~~ for the compatible brake disc.

9. **(currently amended)** A spring member according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the spring member comprises lead-in tabs ~~(112)~~ which are arranged substantially axially and are suitable for constituting a lead-in for the axial insertion of the pads in the respective housing spaces.

10. **(currently amended)** A disc-brake caliper comprising reaction surfaces ~~(42)~~ suitable for cooperating with a spring member according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~.

11. **(currently amended)** A disc-brake caliper comprising at least one spring member according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~.

12. **(currently amended)** A disc brake comprising at least one spring member according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~.